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Pribilof Islands. In the calendar year 1917 the government shipped from the Pribilof Islands fur-seal skins valued at \$274,291 and fox skins valued at \$35,680.

#### BOTANICAL ABSTRACTS

A MEETING of editors of botanical publications was held at Pittsburgh, on December 28, 1917, to consider the desirability of undertaking the publication of an abstracting journal for botany. After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, that we, as a group of botanists interested, invite each botanical society to appoint a committee of two to meet with committees of other societies and with the members of this group to formulate a program for a journal of botanical abstracts, botany to be interpreted in its broadest sense. In case action of any society is delayed, the President and Secretary of such society are invited to represent it. A meeting is called for 10 A.M., December 30, at Parlor 140, Fort Pitt Hotel.

At this augmented meeting of December 30, after informal discussion it was voted that the 26 botanists present proceed to formal organization under the name "Temporary Board of Control of Botanical Abstracts." Donald Reddick was elected chairman and Forrest Shreve secretary. On motion it was voted that the board provide for its perpetuation in the following way:

1. That the following botanical organizations be asked to elect two members each:

American Association for the Advancement of Science,  
American Genetic Association,  
American Microscopical Society,  
American Phytopathological Society,  
American Society of Agronomists,  
American Society of Naturalists,  
American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties,  
Botanical Society of America, General Section,  
Botanical Society of America, Physiological Section,  
Botanical Society of America, Taxonomic Section,  
Ecological Society of America,  
Paleontological Society of America,  
Society for Horticultural Science,  
Society of American Bacteriologists,  
Society of American Foresters.

2. That in the election of members to the Board of Control of Botanical Abstracts each society be asked to name one man for a short term of two years and one man for a long term of four years, and that a member be elected biennially thereafter or as required.

On motion the Temporary Board of Control elected by ballot an Executive Committee of Ten on Organization, to act for one year with power to make arrangements for editorial management and publication. This committee is constituted as follows: J. H. Barnhart, Henry C. Cowles, B. M. Duggar, C. Stuart Gager, R. A. Harper, Burton E. Livingston, F. C. Newcombe, Donald Reddick, C. L. Shear and Forrest Shreve.

The Executive Committee of the Temporary Board of Control selected B. E. Livingston for editor-in-chief and the following as associate editors in charge of the sections as indicated:

Agronomy and Soil Technology, ————,  
Bacteriology, H. J. Conn,  
Botanical Education, C. Stuart Gager,  
Cytology, C. J. Chamberlain,  
Ecology and Plant Geography, Henry C. Cowles,  
Forestry, Raphael Zon,  
Genetics, G. H. Shull,  
History, Biography and Bibliography, J. H. Barnhart,  
Horticulture, W. H. Chandler,  
Morphology, E. W. Sinnott,  
Paleobotany, E. W. Berry,  
Pathology, Donald Reddick,  
Pharmacognosy, Henry Kraemer,  
Physiology, B. M. Duggar,  
Taxonomy, J. M. Greenman and J. G. Schramm.

It is expected that the work of abstracting will begin at once, with the international literature of the year 1918 and that publication will follow promptly.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

In honor of Professor Emeritus John J. Stevenson, who held the chair of geology at New York University from 1871 to the time of his retirement from active service in 1909, the building to be occupied by the Faculty Club has been named Stevenson Hall. It was presented to the university at the commencement exercises on June 3.